

April 8, 2010

The Board of Public Works & Safety met 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Higgins attending. Others attending were Supt. Givens; Chief Waters; Chief Beloat; and Supt. Gray.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloat stated the first neighborhood watch meeting, for Lawrence Subdivision, on March 16, was very well attended, with about 55 citizens attending. He added they will have another one for that area in the fall, with the next neighborhood watch meeting to be for the Country Club Estates, Park Ridge, Lakeview areas – date, time and location to be announced.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Waters reported the main pumper was down for three days. He contacted Fire Service, who came down and made the repairs – it is working fine now.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated at the last meeting on March 11, he received permission to purchase D O meter for around \$2,600.00. He added he did some checking and he could have gotten credit for their old meter, but before he made the purchase, he wanted to be sure the old meter really needed replaced. He then stated after it was checked over, it was discovered that the only issue with it was the probe, which he then had reworked for \$47.00. He reported it now works fine, saving the sewer department over \$2,500.00.

Supt. Givens continued his report by stating he has two circular clarifiers at the plant and one is making noise in the gear box. He stated these clarifiers have been installed since 1992 and never have been changed out. He added he realizes they will be replaced in Phase II, but he is afraid he can not wait that long, as they can really mess up the rest of the plant if they go out. He contacted the firm that installed them and they quoted \$1,200 to come down and another \$1,200 to look at them. He then stated he contacted someone else and they will be coming down to take a look. He added he believes the bearings could just be seized up pretty good, but they will start with fixing the gear box first, and going from there.

Board member Fuelling stated that sounds reasonable.

Mayor Tucker asked about Paul Householder of Cimbar and his sewer billing issue – he wondered if they had come to decision on that. He reminded Board Mr. Householder wanted to install a second water meter to get a break on their sewer charges, as they do not discharge back into the system during the processing of their product.

Supt. Gray stated they can install a second meter pit, that is doable, and THEY will run a second line, if allowed by the Board, ABOVE ground.

Board member Fuelling stated as he recalls the sewer charges on based on the amount of water consumed.

Mayor Tucker agreed and added the rates on based on consumption and per Scott Miller with Umbaugh, he knows of no other municipality within the State of Indiana that does this kind of billing. He added this would also require someone to read a discharge meter, which would need to be installed as well. He then suggested they move very

slowly on this as they will be setting a precedent. He added no ONE user has all of their water discharged back into the system, it could open a whole can of worms. He stated he feels they should table this for now and have Supt. Givens, Supt. Gray and Attorney Higgins all get together on this and to further think on and discuss any ordinance changes.

Board member Fuelling agreed Attorney Higgins needs to be brought in on this, but if they can work it out, it may be a good test.

Mayor Tucker replied it could end up affecting the sewer rates.

Board agreed to have Attorney Higgins look into the matter further.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Maynard was not present.

Board member Fuelling stated he and Comm. Maynard looked at trees for the annual tree list and there will be 21 on the list this year – it is a good list. He then stated the azaleas and roses are being planted – 95 to 100 plants have already been planted. He added the new trees that were planted are looking good as well. He concluded by stating he and Comm. Maynard also looked at the streets for this year's paving list with J H Rudolph.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Board member Fuelling stated he met with the Riverbend Coalition and they are interested in possibly making a project of the McFadin Bluff Memorial, located on the hill next to the water department. He added they are not sure what they might possibly want to do at this point, but it is being discussed.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer